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ROADWATCH: Week of Oct. 31 – Nov. 6

The following is a list of highway projects that may affect traffic in the 12-county Salem Transportation District during the next week. New information is noted by "###". For statewide traffic information for major roadways, dial 511 or visit www.511Virginia.org.

INTERSTATE 81

* **INTERSTATE 81 PAVING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for pavement repairs and paving on northbound and southbound I-81 in Botetourt County between mile markers 151 and 156. Work will be performed during nighttime hours from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday nights. In addition, guardrail work may cause shoulder closures during daytime hours, Monday through Friday. **On Thursday, Nov. 5, the on-ramp to southbound I-81 at exit 156 (Troutville) will be closed to through traffic for paving.** Work will start around midnight and may continue until 5 a.m. the following morning. Emergency vehicles will be given access if needed. Motorists should watch for signs and use caution in the work zone. State Police will be on site to help maintain traffic.

* **INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for bridge patching on northbound and southbound I-81 at various locations between mile markers 150 in Botetourt County and 132 in Roanoke County. Work will be performed between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday.

* **INTERSTATE 81 GUARDRAIL REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, work to repair guardrail will cause shoulder and lane closures on I-81 during nighttime hours. Work is tentatively scheduled as follows:

- In Botetourt County, a right shoulder closure on northbound I-81 at mile marker 158.5 on Sunday, Nov. 1
- In Roanoke County, a left lane closure on northbound I-81 between mile markers 133.4 and 133.5 on Sunday, Nov. 1.
- In Botetourt County, a left lane closure on southbound I-81 at mile marker 159 on Monday, Nov. 2.

* **INTERSTATE 81 MOWING** – Weather permitting, crews may mow along northbound and southbound I-81 between mile markers 87 and 174 in Pulaski, Montgomery, Roanoke and Botetourt counties. Watch for left lane closures during nighttime hours and alternating shoulder closures during daylight hours. In addition, flower bed maintenance may cause shoulder and lane closures during daylight hours.

* **INTERSTATE 81 ROAD SWEEPING** – Weather permitting, crews will sweep on northbound and southbound I-81 between mile markers 105 and 174 in Montgomery, Roanoke and Botetourt counties. Expect mobile lane closures during nighttime hours Sunday, Nov. 1 through Thursday, Nov. 5.

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ROANOKE

* INTERSTATE 581 TREE CUTTING – Weather permitting, watch for right shoulder closures and equipment along I-581 between mile markers 4 and 6 during daylight hours on weekdays. Workers will be cutting trees.

ROANOKE COUNTY

*** COLONIAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is under way to improve the 0.5-mile section of Colonial Avenue starting just west Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) and extending to Route 419. Work will include widening the travel lanes, adjusting curves, paving shoulders and constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Colonial Avenue and Penn Forest Boulevard. Intersection upgrades will be performed at Vest Drive and Girard Drive. The bridge over Mudlick Creek will be replaced with a pipe culvert. Colonial Avenue is closed to through traffic between Route 1593 (Vest Drive) and Route 1620 (Hazel Drive) in southwest Roanoke County. In addition, the intersection of Colonial Avenue and Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) is closed. Wet weather and utility work delayed the reopening of Colonial Avenue earlier this summer. Signs are posted detouring traffic around the closure. Estimated completion is August 2010.

* SHOULDER WORK (VARIOUS ROUTES) – Crews will be working on shoulders along several roads in Roanoke County during daylight hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Watch for signs and possible shoulder work along these routes:

- Route 116 from the Roanoke City limits to the Franklin County line
- Route 220 from the Roanoke City limits to the Franklin County line on Monday, Nov. 1
- Route 221 from Route 419 to the Floyd County line on Tuesday, Nov 2 and Wednesday Nov. 3

*** ROUTE 116 BRIDGE DECK REPLACEMENT** – Crews will be replacing the bridge deck on the Route 116 (Jae Valley Road) bridge over Back Creek. Drivers should watch for flaggers directing traffic from Route 939 (Aerospace Road) to the Roanoke City limits on weekdays during daylight hours.

* REMOVE MOWING (VARIOUS ROUTES) – Work is completed

*** ROUTE 220 CURB AND SHOULDER REPAIR** – Work is underway on shoulders along northbound Route 220 between Route 674 (Clearbrook Lane) and Route 789 (Old Rocky Mount Road). Shoulder closures may be in place during daylight hours between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*** ROUTE 1315 (BRIDLE LANE) UTILITY WORK** – Weather permitting, utility work will cause lane closures at locations on Route 1315 (Bridle Lane). Work may impact traffic during daylight hours on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

*** ROUTE 1682 (SPRINGLAWN AVENUE) UTILITY WORK** – Weather permitting, watch for flaggers directing traffic on Route 1682 (Springlawn Avenue) between Route 613 (Merriman Road) and Route 907 (Ranchcrest Drive) during daylight hours on weekdays.

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*** ROUTE 639 CULVERT INSTALLATION** – Route 639 (Harborwood Road) is now open to traffic near the intersection of Route 612 (Poor Mountain Road). However, motorists should watch for flaggers in this area on weekdays during daylight hours while crews finish paving.

* ROUTE 908 DRAINAGE WORK – Watch for flaggers or lane closures at the intersection of Route 908 (Clearbrook Park Road) and Route 675 (Indian Grave Road) due to drainage work. Work is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 3 between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

*** ROUTE 1034 CUL-DE-SAC INSTALLATION** - Weather permitting, crews will be installing a cul-de-sac at the end of Route 1034 (Chest Mountain Road). Drivers should watch for crews working in the right of way.

BEDFORD COUNTY

* ROUTE 43 PAVING – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for paving operations on a section of Route 43 from Route 626 (Smith Mountain Lake Parkway) to Route 24 south (Shingle Block Road) in the Huddleston area. Work is scheduled to be performed **Monday, Nov. 2 and Tuesday, Nov. 3** during daytime hours beginning at 7 a.m. Traffic will be controlled with a pilot truck and flaggers. Motorists should watch for signs and use caution.

ROUTE 122 PAVING - Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for paving on a section of Route 122 from Route 675 north to Route 643 north. Work will be performed during daytime hours beginning at 7 a.m. Traffic will be controlled with a pilot truck and flaggers. Motorists should watch for signs and use caution. **Work is scheduled to begin Wednesday, Nov. 4.**

* ROUTE 221 WIDENING – Work is underway to improve a 2.2 mile section of Route 221 from just west of the railroad tracks to east of Route 663 west of Forest. Work includes widening the road to four lanes with a center turn lane. The speed limit is reduced to 35 mph throughout the work zone. **Beginning Monday, Nov. 2, paving will begin on this project during daytime hours. Drivers should watch for flaggers, be alert to changing traffic patterns and expect delays.** Estimated completion is late 2009.

* ROUTE 501 BRIDGE INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Thursday, Nov. 5, the Route 501 the foot bridge over Route 501 will be inspected. The bridge is located near Eagle Eyrie, north of Lynchburg. Flaggers will control traffic on northbound and southbound Route 501 beneath the bridge from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

* MOWING (VARIOUS ROUTES) – Weather permitting, crews will mow various routes in Bedford County. Watch for workers and equipment along the shoulders and possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays in these areas:

- Various secondary roads south of Route 460 in the Irving area
- Various secondary routes in the New London area
- Route 501 and Route 122 in the Big Island area
- Route 756 (Bruno Drive) and Route 806 (Rucker Road) in the Smith Mountain Lake area
- Various roads in the Leesville area

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* PAVEMENT PATCHING (VARIOUS ROUTES) – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various roads in Bedford County. Watch for flaggers directing traffic during daylight hours on weekdays on the following roads:

- Route 43 (Peaks Road) from Route 642 (Toms Road) to the Blue Ridge Parkway
- Route 743 (Saunders Grove Road) and Route 682 (Kelso Mill Road)

BOTETOURT COUNTY

*** ROUTE 220 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on weekdays during daylight hours on northbound and southbound Route 220 due to shoulder work at the entrance to Orchard Market Place. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

* ROUTE 43 DITCH AND SHOULDER WORK – Weather permitting, work on ditches and shoulders along Route 43 between Route 11 (Lee Highway) and Route 625 (Pico Road) may impact traffic on weekdays during daylight hours. Watch for signs and flaggers.

CARROLL COUNTY

* INTERSTATE 77 BRIDGE PATCHING – Weather permitting, work to patch the southbound I-77 bridge at mile marker 12.5 will cause left lane closures during nighttime hours on Wednesday, Nov. 4.

* INTERSTATE 77 LINE PAINTING – Weather permitting, crews will paint pavement markings on northbound and southbound I-77 in Carroll County. Work may cause periodic mobile lane closures during daylight hours.

* INTERSTATE 77 BRIDGE SWEEPING – Weather permitting, mobile left and right lane closures may be in place during daytime hours for bridge sweeping bridge on northbound and southbound I-77 at various locations between mile markers 0 and 32.

* INTERSTATE 77 BRIDGE INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Monday, Nov. 2, the bridge on northbound and southbound I-77 over Route 58 and Route 221 will be inspected. The bridge is located near Hillsville at mile marker 14. The inspection will cause various lane closures beneath the bridge on Route 58 and Route 221 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

* ROUTE 683 BRIDGE INSPECTION OVER INTERSTATE 77 – Weather permitting, on Tuesday, Nov. 3, the Route 683 (Frog Spur Road) bridge over I-77 will be inspected. The bridge is located near mile marker 8 at Fancy Gap. The inspection will cause various lane closures beneath the bridge on I-77 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

* ROUTE 705 BRIDGE INSPECTION OVER INTERSTATE 77 – Weather permitting, on Wednesday, Nov. 4, the Route 705 (Coon Ridge Road) bridge over I-77 will be inspected. The bridge is located at mile marker 17.5 north of Hillsville. The inspection will cause various lane closures beneath the bridge on I-77 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

*** ROUTE 52 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER LITTLE REED ISLAND CREEK** – A section of Route 52 is closed to through traffic due to work to replace the Route 52 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek. The bridge is located two miles north of Hillsville. The bridge is expected to be closed until sometime in November. Detours signs are in place.

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*** ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BRIDGE WORK** – As part of the current Hillsville Bypass construction project, a change in traffic pattern is in place on Route 58 in Hillsville. The eastbound Route 58 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek is closed for reconstruction. The bridge is located near Gardner Mill Road between the west limits of Hillsville and Interstate 77. The bridge is being widened, and the riding surface replaced. Route 58 traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted into the westbound lanes for about 0.8 mile, and the speed limit is reduced to 35 mph.

*** ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BYPASS CONSTRUCTION** – Drivers on Route 58, Route 52, Route 703 (Gardner's Mill Road) and Route 780 (Howlett Street) can expect periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. The speed limit on Route 52 is reduced to 25 mph starting 0.1 mile south of Archa Street (Route 1007) in Hillsville and extending to 0.5 mile north of the Hillsville town limits in Carroll County. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns around the Route 58 and Gardner's Mill Road intersection. The speed limit on Route 58 starting 0.7 mile west of Gardner's Mill Road is reduced to 35 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 (Danville Pike) west of Hillsville between Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and Route 670 (Snake Creek Road) is reduced to 45 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 on the east end of the project is reduced to 35 mph from just west of Route 699 (Spring Hollow Road) to Route 666 (Merrimack Road). Drivers should expect possible delays.

CRAIG COUNTY

* ROUTE 311 AND ROUTE 42 PAVEMENT MARKING – Weather permitting, crews will mark pavement on Route 311 and Route 42 in Craig County. Drivers should watch for mobile lane closures and pay attention to signs. Work will be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

*** ROUTE 691 WORK** – Weather permitting, crews will be working on the section of Route 691 that starts at its intersection with Route 311 and extends to the end of state maintenance. Flaggers may control traffic on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

* ROUTE 220 BRUSH CUTTING – Weather permitting, crews will cut brush along Route 220 and at Route 220's interchange with Route 40. Watch for shoulder closures and possible lane closures on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*** ROUTE 122 & ROUTE 116 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is underway to improve the intersection of Route 122 and Route 116. Work will include the installation of a new traffic signal. Temporary lane closures may be in place at various locations in the work zone. Motorists should watch for signs and flaggers and use caution in the area. Estimated completion is November 2009.

*** ROUTE 634 BRIDGE REPAIRS OVER LYNVILLE CREEK** – Work is underway to repair the bridge on Route 634 (Eton Road) over Lynville Creek east of Hardy Ford. Traffic will be controlled with a temporary signal, and vehicles wider than 9 feet will be prohibited. The speed limit will be 35 mph through the work zone. Motorists can expect delays and should use caution. Estimated completion is in December.

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* **ROUTE 602 (PIPE REPLACEMENT)** – Weather permitting, flaggers may direct traffic on Route 602 (Ferrum Mountain Road) at times between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays due to a pipe replacement.

* **ROUTE 682 IMPROVEMENTS** – Flaggers may direct traffic at times on Route 682 (Mountain Valley Road) due to road improvements. Drivers should expect possible delays and use caution on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

* **ROUTE 1093 IMPROVEMENTS** – Flaggers may direct traffic at times on Route 1093 (Summer Breeze Road) due to road improvements. Drivers should expect possible delays and use caution on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

GILES COUNTY

* **ROUTE 460 PAVEMENT REPAIRS** – A long-term lane closure will be put in place on eastbound Route 460 in Glen Lyn between Route 1308 (Houston Lane) and the West Virginia state line due to work to patch pavement. Weather permitting, the right lane of westbound Route 460 will be closed starting the morning of Monday, Nov. 2 and will remain closed until the afternoon of Thursday, Nov. 5.

* **ROUTE 460 PAVEMENT MARKING** – Weather permitting, crews will paint pavement markings on eastbound and westbound Route 460 in Giles County. Work may cause periodic mobile lane closures during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 460 BRIDGE INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Tuesday, Nov. 5, the Route 460 bridge over Route 460 Business will be inspected. The bridge is located near Pearisburg. The inspection will cause various lane closures on Route 460 Business beneath the bridge between 8:30 a.m. and noon.

HENRY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 BUSINESS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work to replace the Route 220 Business bridge over the railroad tracks is underway. The bridge is located near the Route 87 intersection in Ridgeway. Route 220 Business is closed from Route 639 to Mica Road. Motorists should seek alternate routes around the closure. Drivers should also watch for flaggers on Route 682 at its intersection with Route 701.

* **ROUTE 701 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The Route 701 (Field Avenue) bridge over the Smith River is closed to traffic. The old, iron bridge is located in Fieldale between Route 57 and Route 682 (River Road). The bridge is closed, so it can be demolished and replaced. Traffic is being detoured between Route 701 and Route 57 onto Route 682 and Route 609. To improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, the traffic pattern on the detour route at the intersection of Route 609 (South Daniels Creek Road) and Route 682 has been changed. Traffic on Route 609 is no longer required to stop at its intersection with Route 682. Instead, new stop signs have been installed requiring Route 682 traffic to stop at this intersection. This week, flagging operations will be utilized on Route 57 adjacent to the old bridge on either side of the railroad tracks. Estimated completion is November 2010.

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* **ROUTE 650 RECONSTRUCTION** – Work is under way to reconstruct Route 650 (Irisburg Road) between Route 697 (Mitchell Road) and Route 625 (Poplar Fork Road). Drivers should watch for flaggers controlling traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 114 WIDENING** – Work continues to widen a section of Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) in Christiansburg. The section of Route 114 extends between Stafford Street and Chrisman Mill Road near New River Valley Mall. Work will include widening Route 114 from two lanes to five, with two through lanes in each direction and a center turn lane. Traffic has been switched onto a new section of roadway and drivers should expect possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Shoulder closures are in place. Flaggers may direct traffic during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns in this work zone.

* **ROUTE 639 RETAINING WALL CONSTRUCTION** – A section of Route 639 (Mount Pleasant Road) in Montgomery County is closed. The 0.2-mile section of Route 639 is located just west of its intersection with Route 637 (Alleghany Springs Road). A retaining is being constructed along Elliott Creek. Traffic is being detoured onto Route 638 (Georges Run Road) until the retaining wall is completed.

* **ROUTE 655 PAVING** – Weather permitting, crews will pave on Route 655 (Mount Zion Road) from Toms Creek Road to Route 718 (Keisters Branch Road). Work will be performed Monday through Friday, between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Traffic will be controlled with flaggers and pilot cars. Drivers should expect delays.

PATRICK COUNTY

* **ROUTE 8 CONNECTOR / RYE COVE STREET CLOSURE** – As part of the Route 8 connector construction, a section of Rye Cove Street will be reconfigured and will no longer be a through road. Rye Cove Street (T-1006) between Buena Vista Avenue and Rucker Street in Stuart is permanently closed to through traffic.

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